

RESERVOIR SITES.

Congress Asked to Give \$250,000 for Surveys.

The great importance to the West of the work which the irrigation branch of the Geological Survey is doing is perhaps not as generally understood as it should be. For some years the Survey has been working along on small appropriations, making stream measurements and reservoir surveys, but if the West is to attain its full development through irrigation, this work should be pushed and reservoir sites should be determined, surveyed and set aside, subject to development by private capital or government enterprise. Those familiar with reservoir engineering know that nature plays some queer pranks on individuals, and that what appears an ideal place for water storage, may in fact be incapable of holding water, while a site which, even to the careful observer, seems to be anything but suitable for water purposes, may in reality, afford a situation for a reservoir of great proportions.

The general mistake of the average person, the Geological Surveyors say, is in thinking that a cañon with steep sides and a narrow neck, suitable for a dam site, will make a practicable reservoir. There are many such sites and the dam construction would not be difficult, but the slopes are too precipitous and the amount of water impounded would not be sufficient to warrant the construction of the dam. The best sites must include a neck, of course, which can be readily dammed, while the slopes should be very gradual and the fall of the river slight—perhaps imperceptible to the naked eye—thus insuring a very large surface for storage. The descent of some rivers is so rapid, that while to all appearances they afford good storage facilities, a dam of practicable height would not back up sufficient water to warrant construction. The catchment area of the reservoirs, as well as the annual flow of the streams, must likewise be considered. All these points can only be determined definitely by the surveyor's instruments, and so, if it is desired to have definite information upon which to work, either as regards private investment or ultimate government construction, it is extremely important that the preliminary work should progress as rapidly as possible. Congress is being asked for a good-sized appropriation this session with which to carry on this work, in amount \$250,000, and the whole West, being vitally interested, will watch for a favorable action.

Favorable Eastern Sentiment.

Hostility to irrigation legislation has developed in the East from time to time, broad minded expressions among men liberal enough to see that what builds up one part of the country must reflexibly help all other parts.

It is pleasant to note that such a far eastern paper as the Boston Transcript recognizes the fact that irrigation appropriations for the West would be national investments in the interest of and for the benefit of the people of the United States.

Quite a part of the annual outlay of the nation, the Transcript says, is an investment rather than an expenditure. Public buildings are direct investments, obvious to everybody, because they save rental to the government. In the case of certain other appropriations, the investment aspect, while just as genuine is so indirect as to escape attention. An appropriation for the improvement of Boston harbor would be an indirect investment. The cost of transportation is one of the great public charges, the rates of which bear directly upon the fortunes of everybody. A deep channel to Boston makes possible large ships and therefore low freight rates. The government in spending money for such improvements makes easier the future burden of its citizens and as interests of the citizen and the state are identical, this becomes an investment pure and simple.

It is the same story, continues the Transcript, with all worthy harbor and river improvements; they are national investments. Irrigation expenses, insofar as they provide for permanent works, come under the same head. National expenditures of the investment sort should be encouraged, especially when the country is so prosperous that it can bear its burden well as against the time of greater stringency.

It takes but slight study to see that an irrigation appropriation applied to any one section would almost immediately help other sections. If the West were fully developed, the East would necessarily benefit thereby, for western money would flow eastward to purchase those things which the East alone supplies, and so through the prosperity of the irrigated West the manufacturing East would indirectly benefit by the opening of great additional markets.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to say that I feel under lasting obligations for what Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has done for our family. We have used it in so many cases of coughs, lung troubles, and whooping cough, and it has always given the most perfect satisfaction, we feel greatly indebted to the manufacturers of this remedy and wish them to please accept our hearty thanks.—Respectfully, Mrs. S. Dorr, Des Moines, Iowa. For sale by F. J. Watron, Druggist.

Sold a Kiss for Five Dollars.

Recounting the incidents in the career of Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis in the May Ladies' Home Journal, Mabel Percy Haskell recalls a fair given under this famous belle's auspices in Boston, for the benefit of the Sailors' Snug Harbor. "Mrs. Otis attended one of the stalls herself; she was then young and very beautiful, with rose-bloom cheeks. Two sailors just in from a voyage approached her table and gazed at her with frank, admiring eyes, and she invited them to purchase. Holding up some trifle she said: 'This is only a dollar: won't you buy it?' 'No,' replied one of the sailors, 'but I will give you five for a kiss of your blooming cheek.' Quick as thought Mrs. Otis turned her glowing cheek to receive the caress, which was given with all a sailor's bluff earnestness, and as he laid the five-dollar bill in her hand she turned to a friend and said: 'That's an easy way to earn five dollars for the old sailors!' Of course, Boston society was terribly shocked at this incident, but as usual Mrs. Otis went her way serenely and the ripple subsided. It was impossible to try and overcome the personality of this imposing dame, and no matter what she did her position was as secure as ever.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised me trying 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed at F. J. Watron's Drug Store.

Cooking a Hare.

There are many ways of cooking the Belgian. The young make good fries. The old are good fried, baked, broiled or roasted. To those who are fond of a nice, sweet, juicy Dutch dish, let me tell you to try this plan:

A Dutch Dish—Cut the hare into rather small uniform pieces, take your baking pan and put into it a layer of onions sliced very thin, then a layer of meat, next a layer of onions and so on, until the meat is nicely arranged in the pan. Sprinkle pepper and salt over each layer, add a little butter, if you removed all fat when dressing the hare. Then cover up tight and place on the back part of the stove and let it simmer (not boil) for from two to three hours, according to the age and size of the hare. When all things are ready, call in your friends and partake of something so juicy, sweet and tender that if Mary and Johnnie should pass their plates the third time you would not think it strange. There is only one thing they like better, and that is more hare.

Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me alright. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by F. J. Watron, Druggist.

A Frightened Steward.

Not long ago Sir William Vernon Harcourt dined on an English man-of-war, and a storm coming up the captain, a very small man, persuaded him to occupy his stateroom for the night. The steward was not notified of the arrangement, and the following morning at 6 o'clock he brought a cup of coffee to the captain's door. Knocking twice without receiving a reply, which was most unusual, he hastily pushed open the door and inquired: "Don't you wish your coffee this morning, sir?" Sir William gave a snore and the steward was amazed to see a huge figure turn over under the bedclothes. Smash went the cup and saucer, and the frightened sailor tore off to the surgeon's office. "For heaven's sake, sir," he cried, "come to the captain! He's speechless and swollen to ten times his natural size!"

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